

Ryan Jackson

MANAGEMENT AND POLICY EXPERIENCE

STAFF DIRECTOR, U.S. Senate Environment and Public Works Committee, Washington, D.C. (2015-present)

- Manage office with 20 Republican staff and administer two-year \$10.4 million budget with additional responsibility for nearly 50 total committee staff, personnel, equipment, and technology expenses.
- Develop, coordinate, and execute a targeted legislative, policy, oversight, and public outreach agenda for one of 20 committees in the U.S. Senate for the 114th Congress.
- Responsible for overseeing or conducting 72 hearings and business meetings, enacting over 40 new laws, confirming 7 Presidential nominations, and issuing 5 oversight reports.
- Offer legislative, policy, and procedural counsel to 11 Republican Senators of the committee and other Senators.
- Chief liaison to the Senate and House leadership and to the White House and work extensively with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Department of Interior, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, among other regulatory agencies.
- Direct involvement through writing or negotiating the following bipartisan legislation:
 - *Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act* (Public Law 114-94)
 - First 4 year plus highway bill enacted since 2005 investing \$305 billion in interstate building and modernization
 - *Frank R Lautenberg Chemical Safety for the 21st Century Act* (Public Law 114-182)
 - First major environmental legislation enacted since 1996
 - *Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation Act* (Public Law 114-332)
 - \$11 billion authorization for ports, navigation, and water infrastructure including assistance for lead contaminated drinking water infrastructure for Flint and similar communities
 - *BUILD Act – Brownfields Reauthorization* (S. 1476, passed U.S. Senate June 27, 2016)
 - *Coal Combustion Residuals State Regulation* (Public Law 114-332, Section 2301)
 - First time Congress has passed legislation allowing states to permit coal ash disposal
 - *Nuclear Energy Innovation and Modernization Act* (S. 2795, reported from committee with bipartisan 17-3 vote)

CHIEF OF STAFF, Office of U.S. Senator James M. Inhofe, Washington, D.C. (2011-present)

- Manage office with 35 staff among the Washington, D.C. and four Oklahoma offices and administer a \$3.2 million annual budget for total operations, personnel, travel, equipment, and technology.
- Develop, supervise, and coordinate the legislative agenda, public outreach, constituent services, and political coordination to implement a long-term strategic plan for the Senator's goals while also responding to time sensitive demands.
- Chief office liaison to Senate and House leadership and the White House other offices of the Oklahoma delegation and principal advisor on Presidential appointments to positions in Oklahoma.
- Principal advisor to the Senator on policy and procedure.
- Regularly write, edit, and approve staff drafts of the Senator's remarks and presentations.
- Negotiated a traditional publishing contract with a publishing house and assisted with editing and contributed to the Senator's book, *The Greatest Hoax*, published in February 2012.
- **DIRECTOR, Friends of Jim Inhofe (FOJI) Campaign Committee**
 - Plan and supervise regular fundraising events in Washington, D.C., Oklahoma, and other cities.
 - Hired 3 full-time campaign staff and 6 contract consultants responsible for fundraising, Internet activity, polling, and political advertising for 2014 re-election resulting in the highest primary (88%) and general (68%) election victories of Senator Inhofe's career.
 - Raised and supervised raising \$4.7 million for 2014 re-election.
 - Worked in various roles in Senator Inhofe's 1994, 1996, and 2008 U.S. Senate campaigns.

- **DIRECTOR**, Fund for a Conservative Future (FFCF) (political action committee)
 - Supervise regular fundraising events in Washington, D.C.
 - Raised and supervised raising over \$1.4 million since 2011.
 - Principal advisor to the Senator on the status of races and polling, provide counsel on contributions, and make contributions to candidates and political committees from FFCF and FOJI.

LEGISLATIVE DIRECTOR, *Office of U.S. Senator James M. Inhofe, Washington, D.C. (2007-2011)*

- Led nine member legislative team advising the Senator on votes and procedure, approved all official office correspondence, and initiated the office's annual office accomplishments report.
- Coordinated with the office communications director on weekly interviews and messaging.
- Approved, wrote, or negotiated legislative and amendment language.
- Surrogate for the Senator in Oklahoma and Washington, D.C.
- Principal Accomplishments:
 - *Tar Creek Superfund Site* – Responsible for provisions in 13 laws over 5 years appropriating \$100 million for remediation and relocation of residents in the #1 NPL superfund site.
 - *Water Resources Development Act, 2007* (Public Law 110-114) – Responsible for seven Oklahoma specific provisions and subsequent implementation by the Corps of Engineers.
 - *Appropriations* – Responsible for three staff team over three fiscal years resulting in approximately \$290 million in financial assistance to nearly 200 individual Oklahoma infrastructure, military, municipal, university, and other recipients in nine federal appropriations bills each year.

COUNSEL, *U.S. Senate Committee on Environment & Public Works, Washington, D.C. (2003-2007)*

- Drafted and negotiated legislation and coordinated Congressional hearings on the Committee's air policy priorities, EPA financial management oversight, and Oklahoma priorities.
- Represented the Committee to constituents, outside lobbyists, and Executive Branch employees in meetings and speeches and provided assistance to members of the Committee and the Senate.
- Principal Accomplishments:
 - *Oklahoma/Tribal Environmental Regulations* (Section 10211, Public Law 109-59) – Authored and negotiated legislation requiring cooperative agreements preventing checkerboard environmental regulation in Oklahoma.
 - *Partners for Fish and Wildlife Act* (Public Law 109-294) – First legislation to write, coordinate hearings, gain outside organization support, and negotiate to enactment.
 - *EPA Grants Oversight* – Conducted oversight of EPA grant awards by interviewing EPA personnel, coordinating a hearing, and producing a committee report.

ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEY, *14th Judicial District of Oklahoma, Tulsa, Oklahoma (2001 – 2003)*

- Represented the State of Oklahoma in negotiating felony and misdemeanor cases in daily court appearances, motion hearings, preliminary hearings, non-jury and jury trials.
- Surrogate for the District Attorney at domestic violence events.

CONSTITUENT AND FIELD REPRESENTATIVE, *Office of U.S. Senator James M. Inhofe, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma (1995 – 1999)*

- Responsible for constituent services involving the Social Security Administration, Medicaid, Medicare, and other state and federal health agencies and a surrogate for the Senator at events.

E D U C A T I O N

- **Juris Doctor**, *Oklahoma City University*, 2001
 - Member – Oklahoma Bar Association
- **Bachelor of Arts**, Public Administration, *University of Oklahoma*, 1998

